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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

VAN DUIJN et al.

Examiner: J. Goldberg

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For: **DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS FOR AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT
HEMOCHROMATOSIS**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated November 22, 2002. The one-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire December 22, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is filed within the period for reply set by the Examiner.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 30-38 as indicated in Appendix A submitted herewith. Appendix A is a clean copy of the new claims.

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are currently pending in the present application. New claims have been added in the expectation that the amendments will place this application in condition for allowance. In particular, new claim 30 recites "A method for diagnosing a patient...comprising: providing the isolated DNA sequence of claim 1...", while new claim 33 recites "An isolated polypeptide comprising